Announcing the Urology Care Foundation’s Newest Research Funding Opportunity

Physician Scientist Residency Training Award
Funding Opportunity for Urology Residency Programs for 2017

Beginning in May 2017, the American Urological Association (AUA) Office of Research will accept Program Site applications for the new Urology Care Foundation Physician Scientist Residency Training Award. This award program is designed to grow the population of surgeon-scientists who can effectively lead robust research programs, successfully compete for independent research funding, and more effectively engage in basic and translational research.

Eligible urology residency programs are invited to apply as a Program Site. Approximately three Program Sites will be selected to participate in an early, special residency match program with eligible medical students to fill one trainee position to begin residency training in July 2019. After completing the first two years of clinical training, the matched resident will matriculate into the three-year research training program, followed by completion of the final three years of clinical training. The Urology Care Foundation will provide $75,000 per year ($225,000 total) to support the trainee during each of the three years of research training. Institutional cost-sharing is required.

Eligibility
- Urology residency programs eligible for this award must be able to:
  - Support a three-year, intensive research training program embedded within residency.
  - Obtain approval, with the support of the AUA Office of Research, from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)/Residency Review Committee for the residency slot necessary to support the award recipient/trainee.
- The institution must be:
  - Accredited by the ACGME and registered with the Association of American Medical Colleges Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS).
  - Located within the boundaries of the eight sections of the AUA (http://www.auanet.org/about/sections.cfm).

Key Mechanism Elements
- A Letter of Intent is required. Full application submission is by invitation only.
- The Program Site will provide:
  - PGY1–2: General surgical training to provide the resident with a thorough grounding in general surgical principles including preoperative and postoperative care of the surgical patient, surgical intensive care, and foundations in technical surgical skills upon which ongoing urologic training will be based.
Research Year 1: Didactic graduate-level courses along with rotations with leading mentors at urologic research centers of excellence.

Research Year 2–3: Protected time (LOE 80%) in an intensive research project under an accomplished mentor. Completion of a research training program that culminates in a graduate degree is strongly encouraged but not required.

PGY3–5: The resident will return to clinical training for completion of urology residency.

Significant urology research expertise on staff, adequate facilities, and a strong history of mentoring early-career investigators.

**Funding**

- The Urology Care Foundation will provide a maximum of $75,000 in direct costs per year. Indirect costs are not allowed.
- The period of performance is three consecutive years.

**NOTE:** The AUA Office of Research is providing the information in this pre-announcement to allow residency programs time to plan for submission to this funding opportunities. The full Program Announcement will be posted on AUAnet.org in May 2017. Letter of Intent and application deadlines will be available when the Program Announcement is posted. This pre-announcement should not be construed as an obligation by the AUA or the Urology Care Foundation, nor be taken as including the final details of the program. For email notification when the Program Announcement is released, please contact research@auanet.org.